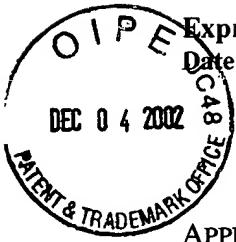


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Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page)
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4. Check #14774 in the amount of \$55.00; and
5. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, if necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 15966-599. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed herewith.

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